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SUBJECT: PORT STRIKE IN LOBITO SETTLED

1. ON DECEMBER 9 BLACK RAILROAD CAR LOADERS ON THE BENGUELA RAILROAD (CFB) STAGED A WILD-CAT STRIKE DEMANDING A PAY INCREASE TO THE LEVEL OF THE STEVEDORES IN LOBITO, 5000 ESCUDOS PER MONTH (25 ESCUDOS EQUALS ONE U.S. DOLLAR AT THE OFFICIAL RATE OF EXCHANGE). THE CFB REFUSED TO DISCUSS SUCH AN INCREASE.

2. AFTER A WEEK OF INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSIONS A MEETING WAS HELD ON DEC 14 AT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE IN BENGUELA BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THREE LIBERATION GROUPS AND THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT (MFA). A JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED SETTING FORTH THEIR PROPOSED SOLUTION, GIVING THE WORKERS AN INTERIM INCREASE TO 3000 ESCUDOS A MONTH AND SUGGESTING THAT LABOR AND MANAGEMENT TRY TO WORK OUT A JOINT SETTLEMENT IN LINE WITH ANGOLA'S FINANCIAL CAPABILITIES.

3. LATE ON DEC 14 THE STRIKERS AND THE MANAGERS OF THE CFB ISSUED
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THEIR OWN JOINT COMMUNIQUE ACCEPTING THE SUGGESTION OF THE

EARLIER COMMUNIQUE AND STATING WORK WOULD BE RESUMED IMMEDIATELY.

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